

ALL ACCOUNTS

Must Be Settled During This Month. Owing to the fact that the merchant has to pay his bills every week, I am going to be compelled to go on a 30 days' cash basis. So would ask that all accounts be settled this month, and the first of each month hereafter. It is much easier for one individual to make arrangements to handle his account each month, than it is for a merchant to handle 300 or 400 accounts and still try to meet his bills. The wholesale merchants have long since quit making long terms. So in the future make arrangements to meet your accounts every 30 days, and you will be pleased with the change.

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MERENO NOT GUILTY.

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stop and refusing, he fired the shot. On request he gave the gun to the doctor. The doctor examined the body and found the shot had entered on the right side, between the fifth and sixth ribs, which caused death. He found the knife in Lytle's hand, but unopened. He showed a rough drawing of the scene of the murder: body was lying some twelve feet from tree, and Mereno some 21 feet from Lytle. The doctor stated that the knife was in the left hand, and the revolver in the right. He identified some of the knife blades seemed to have been lately sharpened. Crowe, Moore, Stuart and others, after the doctor's examination, removed the body to the Lytle home on the place of the shooting.

Dr. Cox called up Sheriff Crouser, and Deputy Sheriff Seeman was soon at the scene, who, after the removal of Lytle's overalls and shirt, which he took possession of, took charge of Mereno and brought him to Oregon, where he remained up to the time of his trial. He was soon joined by his wife and little daughter, who were at Rulo at the time of the killing, during which time she has been assisting at the jail and at times working for Mrs. Seth Curtis, and seemed to be an industrious woman.

The doctor stated that Mereno in relating the story of the killing, did not seem excited, but was deliberate and calm.

The undertaker, a Mr. Knight, of Rulo, who told of preparing the body for burial and removal to Rulo; he probed the wound and said the ball entered between the fourth and fifth ribs. Wm. Moore heard Mereno's story as he told it to Dr. Cox; that Lytle said he "would as soon cut him up as anybody," etc.

Bert Stuart verified these statements.

George Adams stated he knew Lytle for 25 years; helped to undress him; he was a small man about 65, and weighed about 130 pounds, and told of Lytle having been weakened by the flu the winter previous.

E. F. Mills, also living on bar land, corroborated the statements made by other witnesses as to Mereno's statements.

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ment to Dr. Cox, and that he heard Mereno say he regretted the affair.

Roy, son of Lytle, said his father was in poor health, and he was at the Rulo home when Mereno went after horses, and didn't know any of the particulars of the killing.

Deputy Sheriff Seeman was called and told of his being present and took charge of overalls and shirt, which were offered in evidence.

Jas. Rhodes knew Lytle for 25 years; he was 64 years old, weight about 130 lbs., and was in poor health, following an attack of flu, but worked some for him, stacking two days during 1920.

This closed the evidence for the state.

Mrs. Mereno was the first witness for the defense. She seemed self-composed and without feeling told of her marriage, and of their living on the bar land farm of her father, and of her father having no interest in the stock of her husband. That her father told her if her husband didn't keep his cut out of his corn he would either kill her husband or the colt, and that she told her husband of the threat. She went to her mother's home in Rulo about July 12, and she went at her father's request to look after the children—three boys and one girl. Told of her father using husband's revolver, and of him telling them to take their stuff from the place; of her cooking for him and Lee while on the bar farm and of her husband working on the place and for others. She said the threat was made about a week before the killing, and on cross examination, she said she did not know how he came to take the pistol with him, but saw him take it. She was at Rulo at the time of the killing. That her father used the revolver at the bar home, and told her husband he should take it over to the Rulo home, for she feared he might take it and shoot her mother, on account of her having brought divorce proceedings, and that he took the pistol over to the Rulo home.

Vernon Prather, the fisherman and boatman, was next called by the defense. He told a straight story of going with Mereno to help him get his stock, and saw the shooting and of the positions of the two men as above narrated; thought the two parties were 12 or 15 feet apart when Mereno fired his pistol; he was standing some 15 feet to the rear of Mereno when he fired. Heard Lytle tell Mereno not to take the stock to the Rulo home; heard the lie given, and heard Mereno tell Lytle to stop as he approached Mereno. Heard Lytle tell Mereno "he would as leave cut him up as anybody," saw him reach in his pocket, but did not see knife until he saw it in the hand of Dr. Cox; had his hand in his pocket when he made the threat. He helped to cover the body and Dr. Cox removed the covering. On cross-examination he stated Lytle must have taken three or four steps forward toward Mereno before halt was called.

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and the shot fired. He went with Mereno to the Lytle house and heard Mereno call for the doctor and an officer. He also stated that Lytle had told him that he would "kill the whole damn family some time;" he told this to Mereno.

Lee Mereno, the accused man, was put on the stand in his own behalf, and told a straight forward story of the killing, which in substance has been told above. They had had no



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the 45th murder committed in Holt county since its creation in 1841. The 44th was that of Mrs. Earl Lewis in Mound City, June 28, 1919, by her husband shooting her to death, and afterwards he shot himself to death. The last was that which we give an account of in this issue. The first was that of Zedec Martin by Wm. Mc-

Kissick, April 24, 1843. With the acquittal of Mereno, there have been a total of 13 acquittals; 20 convictions; one paid the death penalty; three escaped jail and were never apprehended, and in nine no arrests were ever made. Mereno is of Italian parentage, but was born in Pittsburg county, Oklahoma, 23 years ago.